

SECRETARY TAFT HEARS THE NEWS

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campaign for the presidential nomination.

Taft's Son the Messenger.

Mrs. Taft remained in the secretary's private office throughout the afternoon. She was attired in a becoming suit of pure white, and wore a hat of pen green straw, adorned with seal brown and pale green ostrich plumes. Accompanying her was the young son of the secretary and Mrs. Taft—little Charlie—whose special function it was to carry the bulletins received from the convention from the telegraph operator to the secretary's desk. He was the busiest person in the War Department. While awaiting the coming of the bulletins, he stood at the desk of the telegraph operator, listening anxiously at the paternal ticking of the instrument.

He wore a suit of khaki knickerbockers, with a blue and white striped vest. As each bulletin came from the operator's typewriter, he scanned it quickly and rushed with it into his father's office. It was to Mrs. Taft, ordinarily that he presented the bulletins rather than to Secretary Taft, and he listened while his mamma read the bulletins to the secretary's assembled guests.

Miss Helen Present.

Shortly after 4 o'clock, before the nominating speeches of the presidential candidates had been concluded—Miss Helen Herron Taft, the secretary's daughter, joined the group in Mr. Taft's private office. The secretary laughingly explained that she probably would have been there sooner if she had not been too nervous to withstand the strain. Miss Taft was inclined to resent this comment, but it was apparent that she was infected with "nerves," as were all others in the room.

One of the bulletins received from the convention indicated that a speaker, while nominating a candidate, had been greeted with jeers. When Secretary Taft read it he frowned.

"I am compassionate," said he, looking out of a window of his office, "to any one who goes through a nominating experience in a convention."

The remark of the secretary was a side light on the man. He knew what it meant to pass through so cruel an experience as a campaign for a presidential nomination.

Situation Tense.

Secretary Taft had arranged to visit the war college with Secretary Root at 5 o'clock, but at the last moment he was naturally concluded to wait the result of the ballot which was about to be taken in Chicago. By this time the situation in the secretary's office had become tense. The door between the secretary's private office and Secretary Carpenter's office was thrown wide. In the outer room Secretary Taft, surrounded by members of his family and personal political friends.

In the outer room with Secretary Carpenter were twenty-five or thirty Washington correspondents, each hanging on every word that came from the telegraph instrument.

The Final Announcement.

As the balloting in the convention commenced, the atmosphere of the two rooms seemed to be saturated with excitement. Scarcely a word was spoken. Men who ordinarily are not affected by "nerves" hung over the telegraph instrument as if their lives depended upon the words which the electric telegraph was ticking out on its typewriter. Something went wrong with the official dispatches. The first announcement was that Massachusetts cast thirty-two votes for Taft. Then the announcement from Michigan was made with its one vote for Cannon. At this moment Secretary Carpenter's telephone jingled and William Pannell, Secretary Taft's personal messenger, received a flash from the Associated Press that Taft had been nominated.

Family Delighted.

Mrs. Taft, who had been seated at the secretary's desk and turned to her husband, who was standing at her right. It was an eloquent handclasp they gave each other. Mrs. Taft was bubbling over with happiness. All evidence of the nervous strain which had been in her one during the entire afternoon had disappeared. The secretary himself, laughing with the joy of a boy. Around both the secretary and Mrs. Taft their friends crowded to offer their congratulations. It was a happy scene—the realization of months of labor and ambition.

Cabinet Congratulations.

Secretary Root was the first cabinet officer to extend to Secretary and Mrs. Taft his congratulations on the nomination. He remarked facetiously to Secretary Taft when the latter was shaking hands with some of his newspaper friends, that he probably would find it difficult to "shake" the men, either during his campaign or after his election. Secretary Taft responded that he had no idea of shaking them at any time.

Turning to Secretary Root, after the informal reception, Secretary Taft inquired: "Shall we go now to the War College?"

"Yes," replied Secretary Root. "Let's go immediately."

Secretary Taft was already in his riding clothes, and he and General Edwards made the trip to the War College on horseback, while Secretary Root and General Bell, chief of staff, went in an automobile. As he was leaving his office, the secretary leaned over the desk of the telegraph operators and inquired tentatively: "I guess its certain enough?"

"Certain enough," said General Oliver, who was standing near. "You want it unanimous," and a moment later a

TAFT'S NAME BRINGS THE

CONVENTION TO ITS FEET

Nominating Speech of Mr. Burton Arouses Great En-

thusiasm—State Delegations Cheer

and Parade.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Representative Theodore E. B. Burton, of Cleveland, the chosen orator for Taft, walked to the front of the platform in the midst of many wild demonstrations from the Ohio delegation and their friends.

Mr. Burton was given most respectful attention. He wore the conventional Prince Albert, dark trousers and a black tie. He could easily be heard by the majority of people in the building.

Mr. Burton elicited his first applause when he said, after referring to the friendly rivalry of Ohio States, that "to-day we wage the contest for the prize, to-morrow quickened by a common fiery zeal, the champions of all the candidates will go forth to conquer the foe."

His reference to Mr. Taft as "the great War Secretary" served to again bring forth applause, which was renewed with greater vigor when he

briefly reviewed Secretary Taft's career.

The first mention of Taft by the speaker passed almost without notice. One Ohio delegate made a feeble flicker with a flag and said:

"Hi!" There were a few handclaps from the galleries, but that was all.

The name was uttered and the orator sweeping on before the convention seemed to realize that the name had been uttered.

Guide With Strong Hand.

Mr. Burton assured his hearers that whether in war or in peace, Secretary Taft as chief magistrate would guide the destinies of the nation with a strong hand, and with a gentle, patriotic heart.

"And so," said he, "to-day in the presence of 10,000 persons, and the inspiring thought of the well-known 10,000 times 10,000 who dwell within our borders, I name for the presidency

that perfect type of American man-

hood, that peerless Representative of

the noblest ideals in our national life,

William H. Taft.

A great roar broke out as Mr. Burton concluded. On their chairs with waving flags, hats and handkerchiefs, stood the men from Taft's home State shouting at the top of their voices.

Other delegations came in on the wave and roar of laughter when a flag-pole to which was attached a pair of trousers of most generous proportions was held aloft by the members of the Texas delegation. This was the Ankara goat garment mentioned and previously described. Across the consolidated portion of the trousers, fore and aft, were attached placards bearing the inscription: "As pants the heart for cooling streams, so Texas pants for Taft."

The blue banner, carrying the face of Taft, was quickly raised by the Ohio delegation, and the delegates thronged about it, yelling and whooping like a mass of maniacs. After holding it for a time, they bore it onward down the aisle, cheering madly as they went.

The chairman of the Oklahoma delegation caught up the State standard and lifted it high above the heads of the surrounding delegates.

Pennsylvania cheered wildly and waved their flags in the faces of the Ohio delegation, who sat immediately on their right. Ohio returned the compliment with interest, and the scene, while it lasted, was pretty and filled with color.

The second speech in behalf of Senator Knox was made by James S. Scarle, of Danville, Pa.

Applause for La Follette.

Continuing the roll call, there came no responding voice until Wisconsin was reached, and Henry F. Cochems, of Milwaukee, came forward to nominate Senator La Follette. The applause and cheers of the Wisconsin delegation followed him as he spoke.

Mr. Cochems spoke in behalf of Senator La Follette with a vigor and manner that carried the convention with him, and no man who spoke to-day received more attention than he. Once when the impatient galleries broke in, he said emphatically and pleasantly: "I'm not going to cumber the record, gentlemen, but I'm going to have my say in this case."

His declaration was heartily approved, and he went on with renewed vigor.

Another time, when interrupted by the galleries, he replied in the same manner as he had used on the first

occasion: "It's about all Wisconsin will get here; can't you give me a few minutes?"

Could Hardly Proceed.

When a man standing near the rostrum urged him to "name him," Cochems replied: "That's all right, \$1-a-week."

"You're a four-flusher," retorted the man on the floor, who was at once threatened with a violent exit if he did not put a period to his public conversation.

"In 1901," said Mr. Cochems, and the crowd groaned loudly at the historical allusion, believing that it meant a considerably further extension of his speech. "Name him! Name him!" shouted the crowd.

"I know you are tired, men," replied the speaker, "but I am, too. Don't think that this is fun for me. It is not. It is the performance of a sacred duty. One minute more, and I am through."

"Back to Wisconsin!" called out a delegate in the third row, and several more storms of protest from the crowd before he reached the name of his candidate in a peroration, the effectiveness of which was all but lost in a huskiness of voice.

As Cochems left the stand he was congratulated by Governor Hanly, Senators Beveridge, Hemenway and others in the first row.

The nomination of Senator La Follette was seconded by C. A. McGee, of Wisconsin.

La Follette and Roosevelt.

A wild cheer greeted Mr. McGee as he closed and the demonstration that followed exceeded in intensity that which greeted the presentation of any other candidate except Taft. The Wisconsin delegates and alternates went frantic. The cheering rapidly increased. When a man named Seifert held up a picture of Roosevelt, the uproar was so great at the time the picture was shown that it was impossible to tell exactly where the La Follette enthusiasm ended and the Roosevelt cheers began. The picture was taken down, but the excitement was entirely in the galleries, the delegates, with the exception of Wisconsin, remaining quietly in their seats. The cheering developed definitely into a Roosevelt demonstration, and, encouraged by its quietude, the man on the stage lifted again the standard of the President, which had previously been lowered.

In the gallery there appeared an immense American flag, bearing the picture of the President. Two men marched across the balcony platform in the rear of the stage, and the cheering was taken up anew, mingled with cries of "Four, four, four years more!"

VOTE OF HIS OWN STATE

CARRIES TAFT TO VICTORY

Ohio's 42 Votes, With But Four for Foraker, Gives the

Secretary More Than Enough to

Nominate.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 18.—The chairman announced in a tone which could be heard only a few feet away: "That completes the roll of States, and the roll call will now be had for the vote. We will not wait a minute longer."

"Alabama!" shouted the reading clerk.

There was a roar of yells and hisses from the crowd. The chairman of the delegation, however, made his way to the edge of the platform, and called: "Alabama casts her twenty-two votes for Taft."

Hisses, cheers and catcalls continued to come from the galleries as the States of Arkansas, California, Colorado and Connecticut cast their solid votes for Taft.

Pay no attention to the crowd," said Senator Lodge. "I shall not have the President nominated by a Chicago mob!" shouted Senator Lodge, in anger.

As the roll call proceeded the chairman of the various delegations continued to come up to the platform and yelled the votes of their States into the ears of the secretary.

Foraker Gets a Few.

Georgia split up her vote, casting 3 votes for Foraker and 17 for Taft. Cannon failed to hold his own State firmly, 3 votes being cast for Taft.

Solid votes for Taft came from Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and other States, but New Jersey split her votes among four candidates, 15 for Taft, 3 for Cannon, 2 for Fairbanks, and 4 for Knox.

New York demanded that the names of the delegates be called, and that they be allowed to vote individually. The total vote was divided as follows: Hughes, 65; Taft, 10; Cannon, 3.

Own State Gave Victory.

North Carolina went solidly for Taft, as did North Dakota. Ohio cast 42 for Taft and 4 for Foraker. It was his own State that carried the Ohio candidate over to victory.

The 42 votes of Ohio gave Taft 611,

whereas only 491 were necessary, South Carolina demanded that her vote be taken by delegates. The vote was: Taft, 13; Foraker, 2; Fairbanks, 2; absent, 1.

South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Vermont went solidly for Taft.

West Virginia, supposed to be the breeding place of the Roosevelt boom, went for Taft, while La Follette lost a vote in Wisconsin, one being cast for Taft. The Territories went solidly for Taft.

The following ballot at to-morrow's session will be declared official: Taft, 702; Foraker, 16; Hughes, 67; Cannon, 58; Fairbanks, 40; Knox, 63; La Follette, 25; Roosevelt, 3; absent, 1. Total, 880.

Is Made Unanimous.

A roar greeted the announcement of the Taft vote, but the spectators were not equal to a sustained effort, and the enthusiasm soon spent itself. Representative Boutelle, of Illinois, who craved the nomination of William H. Taft, he made unanimous.

The band played the "Star-Spangled Banner" and many in the crowd joined in singing the national anthem. After this the demonstration ceased. A big crayon portrait of Taft was brought to the stage and prominently placed.

General Woodford, of New York, was recognized, and said: "Mr. Chairman, on the request of Governor Hughes and of the united New York delegation, I move that the nomination of William H. Taft be made unanimous."

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, moved to make the nomination unanimous. Mr. Boutelle, of Illinois, seconded the motion, and Indiana, Wisconsin and the Foraker delegates followed suit. The motion was carried with a shout.

"I declare the vote to be unanimous," said the chairman, and the last cheer of the day was given in response.

On motion of Senator Fulton, of Oregon, the convention took a recess at 5:22 P. M. until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TAFT TO RESIGN TO-DAY

Will Retire from Cabinet First of Next Month.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—Secretary Taft's resignation as a cabinet officer will be received by President Roosevelt to-morrow. It will take effect on July 1st. He was leaving to-night, following a conference of several hours at the White House, at

roll-call to New York. In order to get Sherman's name early before the delegation, that he had official assurance also of the support of a number of the other States, especially including Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Maine, Iowa and Idaho.

The Iowa delegation in caucus to-night finally went on record for Governor Cushman, and a candidate for Secretary Taft's running-mate. The vote was unanimous. Twenty-four of the twenty-six delegates were present. Robert Healey, of Fort Dodge, was designated to make the nominating speech.

There was still talk to-night of the renomination of Vice-President Fairbanks, but his stock went down before the frequently expressed opinion that Secretary Taft would not give him the preference of his endorsement.

In the hope of staying off the administration's understood preference for Senator Dooliver, George Perkins, of New York, was designated to deliver the address, wired President Roosevelt in the name of himself and nineteen others of the committee as follows:

"The following members of the Iowa delegation protest in the strongest terms against the selection of Senator Dooliver as Vice-President."

CAREER OF SECRETARY

NAMED FOR PRESIDENT

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his picture, when Mrs. Taft interposed.

"Will you go right upstairs and take off that old golf suit—you're always wearing it," she said. "Get on something nice."

He obediently disappeared and returned in a Prince Albert and a plug hat.

"Go back and take that off," said his wife. "The ideal A July afternoon at a summer resort in the mountains is that costume."

Back went Cupid Taft and put on this new plain business suit which was satisfactory to all concerned.

"Women," he said in conclusion, "are not any different from the rest of the world. They know what they want, and they intend to have it. . . . and nine times out of ten they are right."

Which pretty well illustrates the man I am writing about—Big Bill Taft.

PRESIDENT IS PLEASED

Declares Taft Is Very Best Man in Country for the Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—The President was playing golf with Assistant Secretary Bacon, of the State Department, when Mr. Loeb took him the news of the nomination of Secretary Taft for the presidency by the Republican National Convention. He then gave out the following statement:

"I feel that the country is needed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him intimately for many years, and I have a peculiar feeling for him because, throughout that time we have worked for the same object with the same purposes and ideals. I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so well-fitted to be President."

"He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's need, without and within, and the broadest sympathies will all our citizens. He would be as emphatically a President of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind. He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of and sympathy with the needs of all our people—of the farmer, of the wage-worker, of the business man, of the property-owner. I would what a man's occupation or social position, no matter what his creed, his color or the section of the country from which he comes, if he is an honest, hard-working man, who tries to do his duty toward his neighbor, and toward the country, he can trust that he will have in Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions. Mr. Taft stands against privilege and he stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well-being."

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CANNON ON THE PLATFORM

Was Submitted to Him in Advance and

He Approved.

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO, ILL.,

June 18.—Speaker Cannon was seen at

the Union League Club, and asked for

his views on the platform. He said:

"I think the Committee on Resolu-

tions has worked out a very commend-

able expression as to the position of

the Republican party on the two points

over which there was so much contro-

versy. The court procedure plank ex-

presses in unequivocal language the

policy of the Republican party, and

insists that their powers to enforce

their processes and protect life and

property be preserved inviolate. The

resolution commends the courts by

recommend that what has been their

practice in injunctions shall be ex-

pressly declared in the statutes. I ap-

prove the plank as adopted.

"I also approve the plank as report-

ed by the Committee on the Sherman

anti-trust act. The committee

struck out of the tentative draft

of that plank the language which seem-

ed to indicate class legislation. I think

all Republicans can unite in the en-

dorsement of the two planks over

which there has been much contro-

versy. As to the tariff plank, it is in exact

harmony with the resolution adopted

by the Republican National Convention

of the Eighteenth Congressional Dis-

trict of Illinois, which I have the honor to

represent, and that resolution was ap-

proved by me before it was adopted.

I naturally approve the expression in

the national platform, expressions of

some of the newspapers, in favor of the

country's well-being."

BRYAN TO ISSUE STATEMENT

ON REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

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